

## LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- The crime must have been committed after July 16, 1982 and occurred in Louisiana or in a state or country with no compensation program.

### Crime Victims Reparations Program **Act 250 of 1982, La. R.S. 46: 1801-1822**

Effective July 1982, the State of Louisiana established a program for the payment of compensation to the victims of certain crimes. The law, known as the Crime Victims Reparations Act, created the Crime Victims Reparations Fund. The Board administers the Act's provisions and awards payments from the fund. Income for the fund is composed primarily of monies paid as costs levied on criminal court costs. Funds are supplemented by a federal grant, court-ordered restitution from criminals, donations and interest.

## ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR AWARDS

### You may apply if you:

- Believe you are a victim of a violent crime.
- Are the victim's legal representative (his attorney or the person legally responsible for the expenses).
- Are the victim's dependent.

A claim may be filed regardless of whether the offender is known, has been arrested, and/or has been found guilty.

### The crime must:

- Involve the **use of force** or threat of use of force **AND**
- Result in **personal injury, death or catastrophic property loss AND**
- Result in expenses allowed by the statute and not reimbursable from **any other source**.

### Vehicular crimes (motor vehicle, boat or aircraft) **are not included** unless you are:

- The victim of a DWI driver.
- The victim of a hit and run driver.
- The victim of a driver who is fleeing the scene of a crime in which he knowingly participated.
- The victim whose injuries were intentionally inflicted with a vehicle.

## REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

### Expenses for which you may be reimbursed include those:

- As a result of an injury:
  - for personal injury: medical, hospital, dental, nursing, physical therapy, psychiatric care, or mental health counseling;
  - actual loss of past earnings because of a disability resulting from the personal injury;
  - care of child(ren) enabling a victim or the spouse, but not both, to engage in gainful employment.
- As a consequence of death:
  - funeral, burial or cremation expenses;
  - loss of support to one or more dependents not otherwise compensated for personal injury loss;
  - care of child(ren) enabling the surviving spouse or legal guardian of deceased victim's children to engage in lawful employment, where that expense is not otherwise compensated for personal injury loss;
  - counseling or therapy for any surviving family member of the victim or cohabitor of such victim.
- From catastrophic loss of your home by arson.
- Expenses of the victim associated with the collection and securing of crime scene evidence.

## NON-REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

### Expenses which are not reimbursed for any reason include:

- Property loss except for catastrophic property loss that is limited to the loss of your current residence provided it is owned and occupied by you.
- Pain and suffering.
- Attorney fees except when they are part of an order from a hearing or awarded by a court of law.



## VERIFICATION

The Board is NOT responsible for your bills and does not guarantee payment on any application or guarantee payment of the maximum amount allowed by law. Any compensation awarded by the Board is determined by the Board within statutory and policy guidelines. The Board will notify you of any action taken regarding an application.

If you receive an award and also file a civil lawsuit, you must notify the board and the attorney general when you file.

In the event you receive an award and then receive payment from any collateral source or recover damages in a civil suit, you are then required to repay the Fund.

# CALL

## HOW TO APPLY:

# Victims OF CRIME.

*There is help for  
you.*

(225) 925-4437 or  
**1-888-6-VICTIM (nation wide)**

### Applications can be obtained from:

- Any Louisiana Sheriff's Office (Orleans Criminal Sheriff).
- **Each parish sheriff has a designated contact person in his office who can assist you.**

- Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement The Crime Victims Reparations Board Office 1885 Wooddale Blvd., Room 708 Baton Rouge, LA 70806

**Completed applications are to be returned to the Sheriff's office in the parish where the crime occurred.** If in doubt, call the Board office at **1-888-6-VICTIM** or **(225) 925-4437** for the name of the Sheriff's contact person in the appropriate parish.

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